



CALVERT COUNTY AGRICULTURAL PROFILE

Calvert County is located on the western shore of the Chesapeake Bay in a geographic area of the state known as Southern Maryland. It consists of a peninsula formed by the Bay and estuary of the Patuxent River. Though rapidly becoming a bedroom community for the metropolitan area, the major crop alone (Maryland-type tobacco) amounted to over 3 million dollars in 1997.

With a 1990 population of almost 51,000, Calvert County was one of the most rapidly growing counties in Maryland. Points of interest include Calvert Marine Museum, Calvert Cliffs State Park, Battle Creek Cypress Swamp, and numerous historic sites.

Calvert County farms are generally very small and often combine with non-farm employment. Corn, soybeans and tobacco occupy much of the farmland. Small-scale fruit and vegetable production for local marketing, beef herds, feeder pigs and market hogs are important enterprises on some farms.

CALVERT COUNTY AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS

Crop	Year	Unit	Acreage Harvested	Average Yield	Total Production
Corn for Grain	1997	Bu.	3,700	103.1	381,300
	1998		3,300	95.4	314,700
	1999		3,200	70.0	224,000
Corn for Silage	1997	Tons.	*	*	*
	1998		*	*	*
	1999		*	*	*
Soybeans	1997	Bu.	4,500	34.8	156,400
	1998		3,700	20.0	74,000
	1999		3,700	21.4	79,300
Wheat	1997	Bu.	3,000	67.0	201,000
	1998		3,200	39.4	126,000
	1999		3,200	42.0	134,400
Hay	1997	Tons.	1,800	2.0	3.600
	1998		2,100	3.2	6.800
	1999		1,900	1.3	2,500
Barley	1997	Bu.	*	*	*
	1998		*	*	*
	1999		*	*	*
Tobacco	1997	Lbs.	1,700	1,249.9	2,124,900
	1998		1,500	1,266.4	1,899,600
	1999		1,400	1,190.0	1,665,100

Crop Production Rank among MD. Counties, 1999

Corn	21	Oats	³
Wheat	20	Barley	³
Hay	21	Soybeans	20
Tobacco	3		

Livestock Inventories Rank among MD. Counties, 1997 ¹

Cattle	22
Hogs	21
Sheep	20
Milk Production	³

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Farm Numbers & Size ¹	1987	1992	1997
Number of Farms	464	400	349
Average Size (acres)	89	93	96
Land in Farms (acres)	41,251	37,320	33,450

Livestock (Number on Farms) ¹		1987	1992	1997
Cattle Inventory	Jan. 1	1,649	1,609	1,550
Hog Inventory	Dec. 1	165	229	120
Sheep Inventory	Jan. 1	83	179	177

Value of Sales ¹	1987	1992	1997
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----- Thousand Dollars -----

All Products	4,379	6,795	7,704
Crops	3,917	6,265	6,868
Livestock, Poultry and Poultry Products	462	530	836

¹ Source: Census of Agriculture, NASS.

² Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

³ Unranked - Data not published.

⁴ Revised.

* Acreage too small to publish .

MONTHLY WEATHER DATA - 1999

MONTH	AVERAGE TEMP. (F)		NORMAL 1961-1990	TOTAL RAINFALL (INCHES)	NORMAL 1961-1990
January		0.0	33.5	0.00	3.13
February		0.0	36.2	0.00	2.75
March	**	0.0	45.5	** 0.00	3.31
April	**	0.0	54.6	** 0.00	3.21
May	**	0.0	64.4	** 0.00	4.25
June	**	0.0	72.3	** 0.00	3.81
July	**	0.0	76.1	** 0.00	3.73
August	**	0.0	74.9	** 0.00	3.57
September	**	0.0	68.7	** 0.00	3.41
October	**	0.0	57.6	** 0.00	3.17
November	**	0.0	48.3	** 0.00	3.40
December	**	0.0	38.0	** 0.00	3.23
Annual	**	0.0	55.8	** 00.00	40.97

** Insufficient or partial data.

Number frost free days for 1999 **

Normal frost free days 1951-1980 193 (1961-1990 Not available)

Highest temperature **

Lowest temperature **

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